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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN TARIFF

REF: A) STATE 065550; B) BUCHAREST 5206

1. AS EMBASSY AWARE (REFTELS), THE TERMS OF THE ROMANIAN
TARIFF DECREE OF LAST DECEMBER CALL INTO QUESTION ROMANIAN
ELIGIBILITY FOR GSP; TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY MAY DENY MFN
TREATMENT TO THE U.S., THEY COULD BE AN OBSTACLE TO RENEWAL
OF THE TRADE AGREEMENT (TRADE ACT SECTION 405(B)(1)). WE
REALIZE ROMANIANS MAY BELIEVE IT IN THEIR INTEREST TO
OBSCURE THIS ISSUE. FORMER ECONOMIC COUNSELOR SCISSORS
RECENTLY MENTIONED TO DEPARTMENT OFFICERS A COMMENT BY
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NICOLAE DUMITRESCU (MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE) THAT THE
DECREE MERELY GIVES ROMANIA FLEXIBILITY AND THAT ROMANIA
"OF COURSE" DID NOT WANT TO JEOPARDIZE GSP. THE ISSUE IS
HOW THE ROMANIAN TARIFF ACTUALLY APPLIES TO THE GOODS OF
THIRD COUNTRIES. THE U.S. IS ENTITLED TO A CLEAR EXPLANA-
TION OF HOW ROMANIA INTENDS TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER
ARTICLE I OF THE TRADE AGREEMENT, SINCE THE DECREE APPEARS

TO CONFLICT WITH THEM.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: IF EMBASSY WOULD PREFER THAT WE DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT IN SOME DETAIL AT THE JOINT COMMISSIO UNDER THE AGENDA HEADING FOR TRADE AGREEMENT RENEWAL, WE ARE WILLING TO DO SO PROVIDED KNOWLEDGABLE ROMANIAN OFFICIALS WILL BE ON HAND. WHETHER OR NOT WE RAISE THIS SUBJECT AT JOINT COMMISSION, WE BELIEVE EMBASSY SHOULD RAISE THE POINTS REQUESTED STATE 065550 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND REPORT REACTIONS. PLEASE ADVISE. VANCE

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